Radio stations at Chandrapur, Maharashtra

2755. SHRI NARESH C. PUGLIA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of A.I.R. stations at District Headquarters that have been proposed to be opened in the country during the remaining period of the Seventh Five Year Plan;

(b) the number of stations that are likely to be opened in Maharashtra during the same period;

(c) what is the provision of A.I.R. stations to be opened in Maharashtra in 1987-88 and the places identified therefor;

(d) whether it is a fact that there has been inordinate delay in the setting up of an A.I.R. stations at Chandrapur (Maharashtra) due to non-availability of land; and

(e) if so, by when the process of land acquiring is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) to (c) AIR proposes to open 96 new radio stations at district headquarters during the remaining period of the 7th Plan. Out of these, 11 radio stations are proposed to be located respectively at Kolhapur, Nasik, Ahmednagar, Bir, Dhule, Chandrapur, Nanded, Akola, Osmanabad/Latur, Yeotmal and Satara in Maharashtra State. None of the stations in Maharashtra will be ready for commissioning during 1987-88.

(d) and (e). The site required for the setting up of a radio station at Chandrapur has been identified. The site has not yet been handed over to the AIR authorities by the State Government. Efforts are being made to get the land as early as possible. Meanwhile, other formalities like survey of site, calling of tender etc. have been completed. As soon as the site is handed over, construction work for the building will commence.

Fraud in Dhakuria Branch of United Bank of India

2756. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a fraud had been detected in the United Bank of India, Dhakuria Branch involving rupees three lakhs;

(b) whether the former branch manager of the bank also was involved in the said fraud; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and action being taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to (c) United Bank of India has reported that the CBI had registered three cases against the then Branch Manager of Dhakuria Branch for misuse of power, advance against bogus bills and criminal conspiracy with outsiders involving Rs. 1.60 lakhs, Rs. 1.31 lakhs and Rs. 3.39 lakhs respectively. CBI has completed investigation of two cases and has recommended major penalty proceedings against the said officer. The Bank has further reported that major penalty proceedings in one case has since been initiated against him. The Bank has also reported that the Branch Manager, who had been arrested by the CBI on 20-9-85 and later released on bail, was placed under suspension from its service with effect from 209.85.

Need and supply of enzymes in the country

2757. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) what are the various enzymes which are needed most in the industry, indicating the quantities needed annually, the present source of their supply and the value thereof;

(b) since when these are being imported whether these cannot be manufactured locally;